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**MEMBER OF ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG  
TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY SENTENCED TO 181 MONTHS**

**Greenbelt**, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Court Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Henry Antoine Saunders, age 26, of Washington, D.C., to 181 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for his participation in crimes arising from a conspiracy to distribute powder cocaine in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

According to evidence established at trial, Saunders obtained bulk quantities of cocaine from a supplier in California, via Federal Express packages, while he was a bartender at popular nightclubs in the District of Columbia and while also attending college at Howard University. The evidence at trial established that Saunders then redistributed the cocaine to customers in the Maryland-Washington, D.C. area. At trial, evidence was presented that a large amount of cash was seized from the home at which Saunders then resided.

Co-defendants Antoine Gregory Powell, age 37, of Clinton, Maryland, Eric Aaron Lyles, age 33, of Waldorf, Maryland, and Johnny Junior Fenwick, 26, of Waldorf, Maryland, previously pled guilty to similar charges in the indictment and were previously sentenced by Judge Chasanow to 121

month, 188 months and 188 months in prison, respectively, for their participation in the drug conspiracy.

The case was investigated by the Charles County Sheriff's Office, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mythili Raman and Donna Sanger.